THE MERIDIAN
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The Meridian Meander

CHALLENGE EVENT

Sunday 14th May 2017

Fancy upping the 'Challenge' a bit? Then join us for one of the **Meridian Meander** circular walks of **18** or **26 miles** in length!

Both routes follow the valley of the River Great Ouse, passing through historic St Ives and its picturesque surrounding villages.

In conjunction with the Five Pub Challenge

Start between 8.00 and 9.00am from **The Over Day Centre**, where hot bacon rolls and a cuppa can be bought to help you on your way.

There are checkpoints on the route where free light refreshments will be provided. Finish at **Over Community Centre** for a free piece of cake!

Detailed route instructions will be given when registering on the day. Entry fees are £10 per adult and £5 per child (under 18). Entry forms can be downloaded from www.overdaycentre.co.uk/events.html

Closing date 9th May. **NO ENTRY ON DAY**

All proceeds go to Over Day Centre!

Any questions? please contact Allison Box: amsdjb@yahoo.co.uk

Event kindly supported by **Nick Uttridge Building and Groundworks** and **Ash Croft Veterinary Practice**

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The Over Day Centre
1 Drings Close, Over, Cambs CB24 5NZ

Registered Charity No: 800829

The Five Pub Challenge

2017 edition!

Sunday 14th May

Meet at Over Day Centre for bacon rolls, tea, coffee, and 11am start, then an 11.5 mile walk through the beautiful Cambridgeshire fens to **The Pike & Eel**, then **The Ferry Boat** (for free soup and a roll), and on to **The Three Tuns** (free cone of chips if you get there before 2.30pm) and **The White Horse** (free choc ice to cool you down) before returning for free homemade cake & finisher's certificate at **Over Community Centre**.

£8 entry fee in advance, or £10 entry on the day from 10.00am.

Registration and sponsorship forms can be obtained by downloading from *www.overdaycentre.co.uk* or telephoning **01954 231807**.

Certificates for all finishers.

Under 18s are welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The length of the route may make it unsuitable for younger children.

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EDITORIAL

We have a change of personnel in our Meridian team to tell you about. Rob, who has looked after the advertising side of things for us for many years, is standing down and we have been very lucky to find a replacement for him- Katrina who has taken over. We would like to thank Rob for all his hard work not only in running the advertisements but also the design of the noticeboard at the busway stop. Welcome Katrina we hope you enjoy working with us!

Lots going on in the coming months, the Annual Parish Meeting, The Neighbourhood Plan and of course the on-going works on the A14 and we will do our best to keep you updated,remember anything that comes out between issues can be found on the website.

More pleasurable pursuits are the charity walks in aid of Over Day Centre, fundraising events to help finance next years Swavesey Festival and a concert to help pay for a new roof on St. Andrews Church. Go along and support these events details as always in your Meridian.

Please note deadline for the June/July issue is **20th April**
Editor

Stop Press
Black Horse Lane Closure for 4 weeks
See page 14

Cover Image - Apple Blossom by Edwin Parish
Inside Front Cover - The 5 Pub Challenge & Meridian Meander
Inside Back Cover - Yesteryear Road Run
Back Cover - Easter Bazaar

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

Saturday, April 1	Swavesey Windmill	Easter Bazaar 10am – 3pm at Swavesey Windmill in aid of Alzheimer's research Crafts Activities Children's Easter Hat competition.
Saturday, May 6	April Burgess Martin School Of Ballet	April Burgess Martin School of Ballet Presents: Horoscope. Checkmate & Masquerade. 3.15 pm & 7.30pm at Swavesey Village College. Tickets £9. tutusrus@ntlworld.com
Thursday, May 11	Swavesey Camera Club	Chris Gommersall - And Your Bird Can Sing. Illustrated history of Wildlife Photography. 7.30pm in Global Environment Centre SVC. Tickets £10 from jit1959@hotmail.co.uk or 01954 202076
Sunday, May 14	Over Day Centre	The 5 Pub Challenge & Meridian Meander. Sponsored 11.5, 18 and 26 Mile Circular Walks (new 18 mile walk added for 2017) Starts from Over Day Centre. Tel: 07891 890302
Saturday, May 20	Swavesey Festival	May Race Night, at Swavesey Windmill, tickets £5 each 01954 232247
Saturday, June 10	St Andrews Church	Prime Brass 7.30pm in St Andrews Church. Tickets £10 & £8 from Roger Holland 01954 230077
Saturday, June 24	Swavesey Festival	June Blues Brothers, Swavesey Windmill, tickets £20 each 01954 232247
Friday, Sep 15	Swavesey Festival	Festival of Bands, Swavesey Windmill, tickets £20 for two nights. 01954 232247.
Saturday, Sep 16	Swavesey Festival	Festival of Bands, Swavesey Windmill, tickets £20 for two nights. 01954 232247.
Saturday, Oct 14	Swavesey Festival	Oompah Band, Swavesey Windmill, tickets £18 including hot dogs. 01954 232247.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April		
Saturday 1	Swavesey Windmill	Easter Bazaar 10am – 3pm at Swavesey Windmill in aid of Alzheimer's research. Crafts Activities Children's Easter Hat competition.
Thursday 6	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Saturday 8	Community Choir	Swavesey Spring Sing, Music from Mozart and Musicals. St Andrews Church - 7.30pm Entry Free
Wednesday 12	Swavesey Parish Council	Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Thursday 13	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Sunday 16	St Andrews Church	St. Andrews Easter Flower Festival in the Church
Monday 17	St Andrews Church	St. Andrews Easter Flower Festival in the Church
Saturday 22	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection (Note Saturday)
Sunday 23	Road Run	Yesteryear Road Run - 300 Classic Vehicles passing through Swavesey around midday. More info. www.yesteryearroadrun.co.uk
Friday 28	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins (Note Friday)
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Friday 5	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection (Note Friday)
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Saturday 20	Primary School	Open Day and Summer Fayre at Swavesey Primary School
Thursday 25	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection

Katrina Simon is our new Advert Admin person

Originally from the US, Katrina moved to Swavesey in May 2016 from Scotland with her husband Paul, her son Cillian and their 2 dogs, Sport & Eowyn. She is a Sales & Marketing Manager for a tech company in Cambridgeshire.

Farewell to Robert

Dear Meridian Team & Swavesey

Approximately ten years ago, I was given the opportunity to manage the magazine advertising, and I did so, to contribute something to the village that has been my home for 15 Years. The Team have been fantastic, and Meridian has contributed much to the village, sponsoring local events and projects, which sometimes goes unrewarded or unnoticed. I have enjoyed doing the advertising and artwork, it was a pleasure to serve the Meridian Committee and the village.

It saddens me to announce, that I cannot continue doing the Advertising. We are moving home to South Northamptonshire, a decision I haven't taken lightly, for the benefit of family commitment, for both work and Steven's Education and future goals. It had become impossible to continue, and offer the quality of service I was trying to deliver.

I wish the Meridian Team continued success, and the new advertising manager the best of luck, and am convinced she will do a sterling job for all the advertisers. I want the people of Swavesey, to support the Meridian, to read its excellent content, and use it. If you have a business, then there is no better place locally to advertise, but more importantly, I want locals to understand the hard work that all the Meridian Committee do, to deliver a great magazine, for the benefit of you and the village at large, and to recognise, the assets provided to the Village that the Magazine sponsored. I'll be signing up for a subscription for sure, and I will miss both the Team, the Advertisers and many people the magazine introduced me to. Thankyou April & Alan, and all the team, it's been a pleasure and a privilege to work with you, and to contribute something.

Kindest Regards

Robert

CLUB REPORTS

Swavesey W.I. Report

Dates for Diary.
April 10th & May 8th

Our new programme for 2017 promises to be varied and hopefully will have something for everyone. Find out more now, please ring Deirdre 01954 230897. We meet every second Monday in the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

As well as our monthly meetings, we have many regular activities. As follows:

Craft Group	Book Group	Darts	Dog Walking
Eating Out	Line Dancing	Walking.	

On the 2nd Thursday of the month we run the Compass Cafe at the Bethel Chapel. Fresh coffee and homemade cakes, always a popular morning.

All our meetings are advertised around the village, look out for our posters and visit the Memorial Hall Noticeboard, which has all our news etc.

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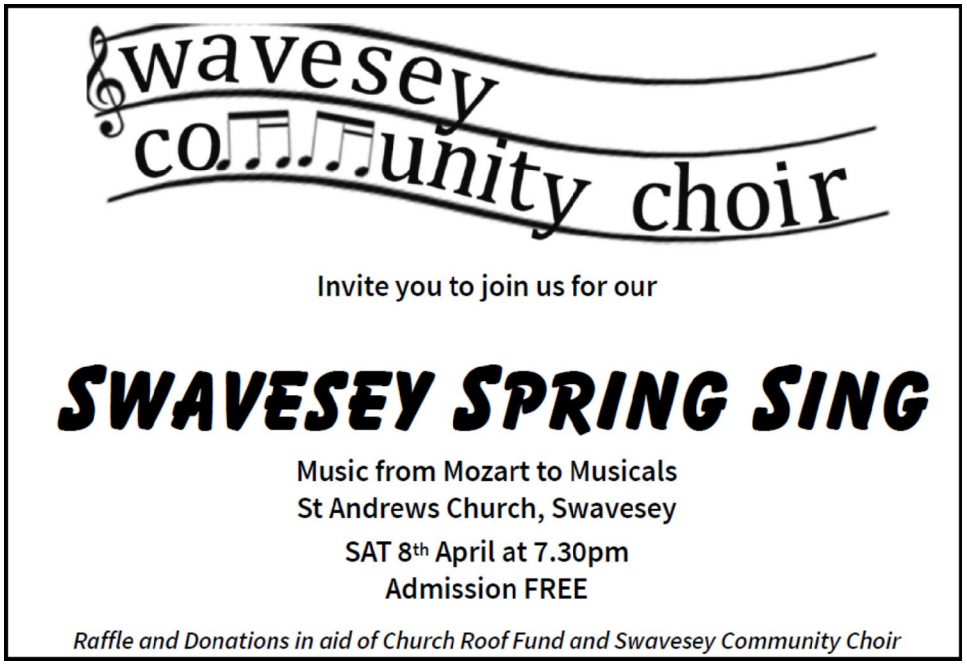

swavesey community choir
Invite you to join us for our
SWAVESEY SPRING SING
Music from Mozart to Musicals
St Andrews Church, Swavesey
SAT 8th April at 7.30pm
Admission FREE
Raffle and Donations in aid of Church Roof Fund and Swavesey Community Choir

WHOOPS!

The more attentive of our readers will have noticed a clash of information in our February-March Swavesey Camera Club News. On one page we invite you to our Annual Exhibition on April 29th the opposite page advertises this popular event as being a week later on May 6th. Oh Dear! Many apologies. This contradictory information resulted from last-minute changes to the programme from that originally put on our website to the eventual printed one given to members. The website has now been corrected and the Exhibition is planned for:

MAY 6TH.

This no longer clashes with the May Bank Holiday so you can have two interesting weekends, one after the other.

Both before and after the Exhibition we have much to look forward to. On April 9th we will have a day out at Lavenham and Long Melford, beautiful locations giving plenty of choice for interesting photographs. In time for what we hope will be the coming fine weather we have Jane Goodall's instructive talk on 'Family Photo-shoots', April 20th; it won't be long until the school holidays.

Our May outing on the 4th is closer to home, to our very own area of natural beauty, Fen Drayton Lakes. Their very familiarity to us reveals them as a constant source of changing images, both for landscape and wildlife photography. You will have seen the many very beautiful photographs reflecting the different seasons taken by our members, top favourites in our card sales in our Exhibitions. The next week, May 11th, on the same topic we have Chris Gommersall's 'And your bird can sing'. Chris is an RSPB in-house photographer, won Wildlife Photographer of the Year, and has published several books on wildlife. Our final talk of the year is on 25th May: 'Composing an image and the Art of Monochrome.' by Nicki Aston. This should be most instructive; she too has published many books and we will see her own unusual photographs from around the world.

Just two competitions left: the set-subject 'Alone' and 'Image of the Year'. To judge this last, we can see again all this year's winners and choose the very best. Apart from the honour and glory of winning this prestigious place, the author will see the image printed as a background on next year's membership cards.

Look out for the posters for the Exhibition and please come along as it is always a very enjoyable day. Entry is free to see the prints, DP images and the audio-visual shows, and fine refreshments are available for a modest sum. We hope to have a full range of cards to sell, proceeds to charity as usual.

Look forward to seeing you,

Mo Hadfield.

Swavesey Camera Club
www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk

Swavesey Camera Club
One of the leading clubs in East Anglia

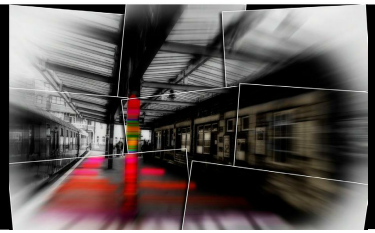
Annual Photographic Exhibition

With our Annual Spring Exhibition now an established event in the Swavesey year, this is our opportunity to demonstrate our skills to the public. Participation by all is encouraged and in addition to the prints, there will be a continuous show of projected images and AV shows, while greetings cards will be on sale, with proceeds going to Arthur Rank Hospice.

As in previous years we host an Open Photographic Competition within our Annual exhibition. Our aim is to encourage photography amongst everyone in the local community. This is open to non-professionals and can be any subject (but no selfies) in three categories; junior school age, senior school age and adults. Prizes for the group winners.

Saturday 6th May 2017
Open from 10am – 5pm

Memorial Hall, High Street, Swavesey, CB24 4QU



Proceeds from card sales to

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity
making every moment count

See more details at our website www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk
Kindly sponsored by Ash Croft Veterinary Surgery

Swavesey Camera Club presents

Chris Gommersall
And Your Bird Can Sing

A lavishly illustrated journey through the history and evolution of wild bird photography from one of the country's foremost wildlife photographers.

Tickets available from:
jit1959@hotmail.co.uk
(01954) 202076
SCC Members £5
Non-Members £10

Thursday May 11, 7.30pm
Doors open 7pm
Global Environment Centre
Swavesey Village College, CB24 4RS

Swavesey Festival 100 Club

Three winners each month receive £60 or £30 or £15. To take part in this popular competition phone Sally Unwin on 01954 230200.
Latest winners are:

	£	January 2017	February 2017
First prize	60	David Gedny	W Redfern
Second prize	30	Gill Loades	G Loades
Third prize	15	Hilary Syndell	S Stokes.

Swavesey Spartans

2016/17 season. Swavesey Spartans are now well past the halfway point in the season with all of the teams playing good football and most winning their fair share of games. More importantly the club continues to prosper with over 230 players ranging from those in school year one up to those in the first year after leaving Swavesey Village College. The club has also recently passed its annual Charter Standard Health check which means all of our coaches have passed all of the necessary courses to be qualified to teach and work with children. On the field the under 13s and 17s are leading their divisions and both have an eye on cup final glory. The under 14s reached the cup semi-final and narrowly lost to a strong and powerful elite team from Cambridge City Football Club.

Cambridge United. Cambridge United play in League 2 of the Football League and have invited a small number of local clubs to partner with them. Swavesey Spartans have accepted their invitation. Spartans benefit through support at training and club events. United hope to secure more supporters, the Spartans players may become fans for life, and of course they hope they will spot a star player in our club. Cambridge United signed a former Swavesey schoolboy when in January they bought Liam O'Neil who has played professional football for West Bromwich Albion, Scunthorpe United and Chesterfield before joining the Us as they attempt to secure promotion into English football's third tier.

The Under 6 team from Swavesey Spartans have the pleasure of welcoming a new team to the Spartans family. Now a thriving squad with 17 (13 boys and 4 girls) players from school year one. The team is run by Katie Stevens and Dan Silk. The number one aim of the club is that all players have fun! We can assure you that they do! The players enjoy varied sessions and learn the basic ball skills that stand them in good stead for their future footballing endeavours. Lets hope that there are parents of the current reception children willing to coach the 2017/18 U6s - the club contact details are in the Club Information part of this magazine. We have dedicated girls teams in some age groups and both our Under 8s and Under 10s would welcome the addition of an extra girl or 2 to their squads.

Please come along to our annual Spartans Day held on Father's Day on Swavesey Green. This village event encourages families to socialise with gazebos and picnic blankets as the players demonstrate their skills in small sided intra-club matches. The event starts in the late morning with games concluding around 1600, the raffle and the annual presentations to players then follow aiming to finish by 1730. The date for your calendar is 18 June this year. Food and soft drinks are available to buy, anyone fancying a stronger drink will need to bring it with them as there is no bar.

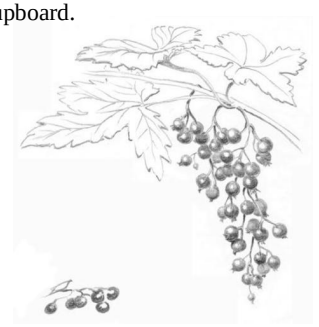
A Committee runs the club and one position has just changed with Jez Daniel replacing Matt Whieldon as our focal point for dealing with the professional and semi-professional clubs in the area. Two of the roles at the fulcrum of the club also need new incumbents. Simon Dawson has stepped down as Chairman and Dave Hackshaw has relinquished the Treasurer role. If you are interested in either role please contact the club. It goes without saying that our thanks go out to Matt, Simon and Dave for their contributions to Swavesey Spartans FC.

Hale Road Allotments: searching for customers

In October 2012 sixty allotment plots were set up on a cereal stubble field in Swavesey, on the right down towards the windmill in Hale Road. The site is managed by a committee of 10 or more plot holders who maintain the waiting list, collect annual plot rents, pay the land rent, water rates, public liability insurance and sort hedge cutting, grass cutting, importing livestock manure or compost and other activities too tedious to mention here.

Strongly against the trend for any new allotment site, the vast majority of the founding members are still here in 2017. This is a strong indication of how much fun it is to own a plot on our site which, because it was designed from scratch, includes a host of benefits:

- A large, solid car park with a wide entrance gate controlled by combination lock.
- Rabbit and deer-proof fence all the way round the site: plot fences are not needed.
- Sheds are allowed on site.
- Cattle and horse manure and local authority compost always available in the car park.
- Eight large water tanks such that nobody walks more than 30 metres to water.
- An £11,000 waterless, odour-free toilet installed in June 2016.
- Cycle stands on site.
- Recycled produce and useful items cupboard.



The biggest problem on any allotment site is weeds. We start the battle against weeds at our perimeter fence by applying herbicide at the base of the fence to keep weeds out. We also have communal weed walkovers in May and October when a large group of virtuous plot holders scours the site looking for “improvement opportunities” on their neighbours’ plots. There is a flurry of weeding activity in the 2 or 3 weeks before these inspections.

The main breeding ground for weeds is vacant plots because there are no growing crops, with their associated good husbandry, to control the weeds. All sixty plots are taken in 2017, as they have been since start-up, and we want to keep it that way; more to control weeds than to raise revenue. But there will inevitably be some ownership turnover in autumn, same as on any allotment site, so we would welcome more Swavesey residents joining our waiting list ready to take on a plot this coming October.

The two main advantages of having an allotment plot are i) we get very fresh vegetables harvested on the day which taste much better than produce from the supermarket and ii) it allows us to keep active and physically fit in the fresh air.

If you are interested in joining us to grow your own seasonal, fresh vegetables and fruit and getting some exercise in the open air contact Selwyn on 01954 202974 or 07731 585450 for a chat.

Longstanton Bowls Club

March 2017

Spring is here at last with the longer evenings and warmer weather, and as usual at this time of year Longstanton Bowls Club is recruiting new members. Do you fancy some gentle exercise on a summer's evening? It doesn't matter if you haven't played Lawn Bowls before as we have plenty of members always willing to provide help and guidance. Everyone is welcome and our membership ranges from juniors to those enjoying retirement. We have many members from surrounding villages, including Swavesey, Over, Willingham, Oakington, Bar Hill and Cottenham. Don't worry about equipment, as the club can assist with this – just wear flat shoes. We pride ourselves in being a friendly club where the enjoyment comes from taking part. The game of bowls provides an opportunity to make new friends, take gentle exercise and socialise over a "bowls tea" at the end of the match. Our bowls green is located on the recreation ground, between the Longstanton Pavilion and the tennis courts, Over Road, Longstanton.

Monday evenings are club roll-up nights, reserved for informal practice in a mildly competitive environment, ideal for beginners. We also have a certified coach who runs regular coaching sessions for newer players. The club plays in a number of leagues, some of which are more competitive than others. Away matches give members an opportunity to experience other club's greens and facilities in the Cambridge area.

Most of our league matches are on the light summer evenings, starting at 6:30pm. As an exciting addition, this season for the first time we have entered a team in the Ely and District afternoon triple league. Matches start at 2pm and there is a break for tea and biscuits halfway through, so it is all very sociable! There is plenty of bowls to suit everyone – over 110 matches this season, plus our regular club nights and internal club competitions – so why not come along and give it a try?

The outdoor season runs from late April to September. If you're tempted, please come along to our open day on Saturday, 22nd April 2017 (from 2pm) or alternatively, on any Monday evening (from 6pm) to meet some of the members and possibly try your hand. If you just want to watch, then that's fine too.

For more information visit contact Marion Edwards on 01954 780118 or email to marionedwards1@btinternet.com .
Also visit our web site www.longstanton-bowls-club.co.uk .

rspb giving nature a home

News from Fen Drayton Lakes

By Luke Wake

I am writing this article during February and there really is a feeling of spring in the air. Today I heard the following species singing in the afternoon sunshine: dunnock, chaffinch, song thrush, bullfinch, mistle thrush, robin, skylark, blackbird and Cetti's Warbler. It is exciting to think that this beautiful symphony is only the beginning, with species such as sedge warbler, reed warbler, blackcap, whitethroat and nightingale yet to arrive and complete the early morning masterpiece of a dawn chorus. These songsters will then be joined by summer arrivals such as swallows, house martins and swifts which are a delight to watch as they dart through the air gobbling up insects.

However, it is not only bird song and the arrival of summer visitors which points toward summer being underway, as wild flowers and invertebrates are a true sign of longer days and warmer temperatures being on the horizon. Late March should see the emergence of butterfly species such as brimstone, small tortoiseshell and red admiral. These butterflies are the first to be seen on the wing as they overwinter as adults. As soon as they emerge they can be seen fluttering by in search of food sources and mates, with this adding a dash of colour to still, warm, early spring days.

This is also a great time of year to keep an eye out for spring flowers such as wood anemone, violets, lesser celandine and primrose which add a splash of colour to woodland edges and countryside lanes. Furthermore, the first dragonflies and damselflies will begin to emerge in May, adding a splash of colour to the party. Beautiful banded demoiselles rest on vegetation by slow flowing rivers and lakes, whilst male hairy dragonflies can be seen fighting over territories. This adds an element of excitement and wonder to a relaxing visit to many wildlife hotspots.

All in all, April and May are a fantastic time to be out and about enjoying all the delights that spring brings to a nature reserve such as Fen Drayton Lakes. If you have any interesting sightings or just want to get in touch then please feel free to send me an email to luke.wake@rspb.org.uk.

Swavesey & District History Society

January meeting. In January more than 50, including several visitors, attended the first meeting of 2017 to hear Quinton Carroll, County Archaeologist and CCC Historic Environment Team Manager, tell us about Stonea Camp, The Iceni and The Romans. Stonea Camp, a scheduled monument south-east of March in The Fens, was an unusually large Iron Age hill fort built in dense woodland and covering around 10 hectares (25 acres). In the south it was protected by a river with a single ditch kept full of water, and a rampart. On the other sides where the ground was higher and drier there was more elaborate protection from several banks, ditches and walls, some of which were still readily visible in the 1930s. The ground was largely ploughed flat in the "Dig for Victory" campaign during WW11. It seems to have been a frontier trading fort between the Iceni and other tribes to the west: the coins made by at least three tribes have been found on the site.

The Emperor Claudius invasion of AD 43 took control of Britain to increase and strengthen the Roman Empire. Stonea Camp seems to have been attacked and partially destroyed in a battle between the Roman army and local people in a brutal slaughter with men, women and children massacred. This may have been in AD47 when it is recorded that Roman legionaries overran a "rustic earthwork" built in woods in eastern England. After the uprising lead by Boudicca, queen of the Iceni tribe, was defeated in AD61 Stonea fort was quickly abandoned. The Romans subsequently founded Stonea Grange just outside the walls of the fort with regular streets and an enormous administrative building from where several similar imperial estates around March were managed primarily to produce lamb meat preserved by salting and intended to feed the Roman army. By the 5th century A.D. barbarian tribes were attacking other parts of the Roman Empire and the Roman legions in Britain were needed elsewhere. By the 8th century a historian wrote that the area had reverted to "a most dismal fen of immense size, now consisting of marshes, now of bogs sometimes of black waters overhung by fog".

February meeting. The February meeting was attended by nearly 70, including several new members and yet more visitors. This large audience had come to hear Dr David Oates' account of Chivers Jam Factory, 1873 to 1960. David's father had been an engineer at the site. The Chivers family were farmers in Histon, growing mainly arable crops but they diversified into fruit during a period of poor crop returns. The railway line connecting Cambridge with St Ives and Huntingdon allowed them to send fruit both to London and to northern markets. On noticing that much of the fruit going north went to jam makers, in 1873 the family, headed by Stephen, made an experimental batch of jam in a barn at Histon and this was an immediate success. In the many photos shown of the various stages of jam production it was noticeable that vast numbers of staff, mostly young ladies, were employed in each department. However, since jam making was seasonal work the company added other products to their list including marmalade which required oranges from Spain later in the season plus lemon curd, jellies, custard powder, soup powder in due course, mincemeat, Christmas puddings and Cambridge lemonade. This wide range of activity provided work for their staff all year round. Stone jars were used as containers initially but by 1885 they were also using glass jars. In 1907 the first British fruit canning factory was completed on the site. The company was self-sufficient in that it produced its own baskets for fruit picking, developed all of its own machinery for fruit sorting, jam filling, can making, sterilisation equipment and silver plating of the copper boiling vats. In 1960 the entire business was sold to Schweppes, although the family bought most of the farms back in 1961. The trading name "Chivers" was last used by the farms in 2007.

The History Society's website is currently being updated and can be viewed by entering www.swaveseyanddistricthistorysociety.uk into the address bar at the top of your browser screen rather than via google in the search field. The programme of talks for the rest of the season is displayed there.

VILLAGE NEWS

Black Horse Lane Closure March 27 to April 20 (4 Weeks)

Work to lay a new surface water drainage pipe under Black Horse Lane into Chantry Close will commence on March 27th and be completed by April 20th (approx 4 weeks).

It will be necessary to close the road to traffic other than that requiring access or egress to properties located within the length of the closure.

The bollards at the Chantry Close-Moat Way junction will be lowered during the works to enable access.

A new section of pipe will also have to be laid under the grassed open space area at the corner of Chantry Close, the Parish Council will liaise with the contractor and CCC to ensure this area is reinstated.

The County Council will notify residents of Black Horse Lane and Chantry Close via a leaflet drop in advance of the work.

For the latest information see the Parish Council website at:
www.swavesey.org.uk

Doctors Surgeries

Swavesey Surgery
(01954) 230202
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:-
www.swaveseysurgery.nhs.uk

Over Surgery
(01954) 231550
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:- www.oversurgery.nhs.uk

Longstanton
(01954) 207600
Out of hours 111
Website:-
www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Bar Hill Surgery
(01954) 780442
Out of hours (01954) 780442 -
call will automatically be diverted
Website:- www.mhmaple.co.uk/

Fenstanton
7E High Street, Fenstanton
01480 461873
Out of hours 01480 461873.
call will automatically be diverted
Website:-
www.northcotehousesurgery

See our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk for the full and latest surgery newsletters. Ed

Your Library Swavesey

Easter Fun and Activities for all the Family in the Library

April 1st. 10am to 12 Noon come along

We have free Wifi access to computers, a wide range of books for all ages. We have regular story times for young children. Look out for our posters and notices on Swavesey Village life.

We continue to welcome donations of good quality books for our shelves or to sell to meet our running costs. Come and join us at the Village College
If you are a member of the County Library service you can borrow all our books. You can order books and other material for collection at our Library. You and all your family can also join the library with us and borrow up to 12 books each! And remember - it's all Free!!

Opening hours are now

Tuesday	15.30 to 17.30
Wednesday	18.00 to 20.00
Thursday	18.00 to 20.00

And the first Saturday in every month 10am to 12noon

Your Library Committee can be contacted through:

Richard Hart	**202707**	**Sarah Hellon**	**230960**
Jacqui Fuller	**230774**	**Sue Jones**	**230650**
John Pook	**230978**	**Doug and Lorraine Hunt**	**232478**

We always welcome volunteers to help man the Library so please join us and keep your library alive!!!

Adult Education at Swavesey Village College

Adult Learning at Swavesey Village College

In April Walking Football returns, now on Thursdays at 8.30pm.

Printmaking's back on Wednesday evenings for a five week course with Nina Sage

Last chance this term to join in with our Guitar for Absolute Beginners

Join our Upholstery class, we have a couple of spaces left in our Wednesday evening class (7-9pm)

BRAND NEW for the summer term:
Cycle Training - aimed at people who can ride a bike, but have never ridden on the roads or don't feel confident riding on roads.

Chinese Cookery with Meiru

Chinese Culture & Mandarin Language for Beginners

For details of all our classes and to book your place please visit the college website swaveseyvc.co.uk, Community Education tab, email us on community@swaveseyvc.co.uk or call 01954 234488

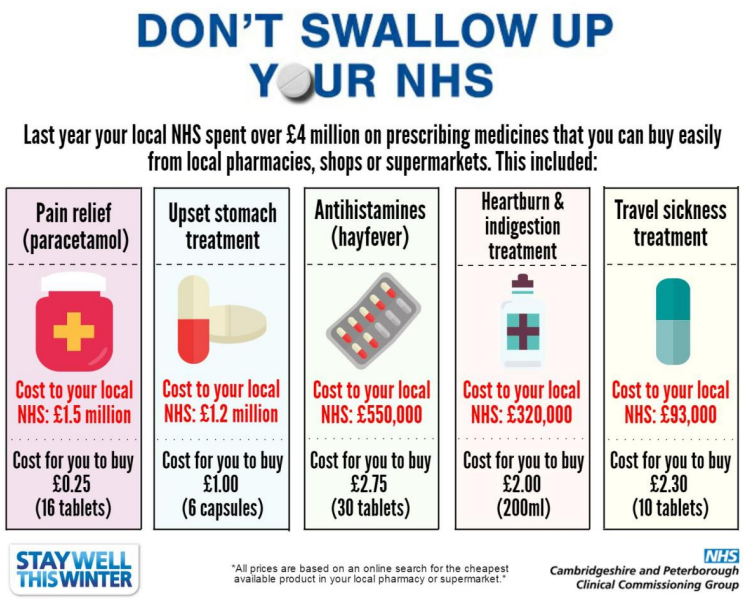
Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambridge, CB24 4RS Phone: 01954 234488
Email: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk

Don’t swallow up your NHS - local NHS reveals the cost of prescribing basic medicines

Health Chiefs in Cambridgeshire are urging local residents to buy basic medications from pharmacies instead of getting them on prescription.

Last year your local NHS spent over £4 million on prescribing medicines that can be bought easily from local pharmacies or supermarkets. This includes £1.5million on prescribing pain relief (paracetamol), £1.2 million to treat upset stomachs, £550,000 on antihistamines and £320,000 to treat heartburn and indigestion.

All of these medicines can be bought at local pharmacies or supermarkets for less than it costs the NHS to prescribe.


DON’T SWALLOW UP YOUR NHS
Last year your local NHS spent over £4 million on prescribing medicines that you can buy easily from local pharmacies, shops or supermarkets. This included:
Pain relief (paracetamol)
Cost to your local NHS: £1.5 million
Cost for you to buy £0.25 (16 tablets)
Upset stomach treatment
Cost to your local NHS: £1.2 million
Cost for you to buy £1.00 (6 capsules)
Antihistamines (hayfever)
Cost to your local NHS: £550,000
Cost for you to buy £2.75 (30 tablets)
Heartburn & indigestion treatment
Cost to your local NHS: £320,000
Cost for you to buy £2.00 (200ml)
Travel sickness treatment
Cost to your local NHS: £93,000
Cost for you to buy £2.30 (10 tablets)
STAY WELL THIS WINTER
All prices are based on an online search for the cheapest available product in your local pharmacy or supermarket.
NHS
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group

Sati Ubhi, Chief pharmacist said “We want the public to really think before they visit the GP, is this something that I can treat myself? Is there a medication I can buy for this over the counter? A packet of paracetamol can cost as little as 25p for 16 tablets at a pharmacy.

But if you go to your GP with your ache or pain and get a prescription, the total cost to your NHS is approximately £45*. We all have a responsibility to look after our own health and look after our NHS.”

- This is how much the local NHS spend on medicines and how much they cost patients to buy:
- Pain relief (paracetamol) – cost to NHS £1.5 million, cost for patient to buy 25p (16 tablets)
- Upset stomach treatment – cost to NHS £1.2million, cost for patient to buy £1 (six capsules)
- Antihistamines (hayfever) – cost to NHS £550,000, cost for patient to buy £2.75 (30 tablets)
- Heartburn and indigestion treatment – cost to NHS £320,000, cost for patient to buy £2 (200ml)
- Travel sickness treatment – cost to NHS £93,000, cost for patient to buy £2.30 (10 tablets).

Sati Ubhi, Chief pharmacist added “Keeping a selection of essential medications at home can help you treat common conditions at home such as colds, coughs and flu and avoid unnecessary trips to see your doctor.”

Further information on self-care visit www.cambsandpeterboroughchoosewell.co.uk/

*The £45 the NHS spends on a prescription if you see a GP is made up of the GP consultation time, the cost of the medication, and dispensing fee.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The Over Day Centre is a thriving charity that offers high quality day care for the frail and elderly of Over and the surrounding villages.

Can you spare any time?

We urgently require a volunteer kitchen assistant on Friday’s
1pm – 3pm

and a volunteer minibus Driver
Tuesday’s 3pm – 5pm.

Full training will be given and a DBS check will be required.

For further information, please contact the Centre Manager, Sarah Carr, at The Over Day Centre, 1 Drings Close, Over, CB24 5NZ.

SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Swavesey Music School

£3.50 per session!

9am – 10am	Sing Up	choir	4yrs – 12yrs
10am – 11am	Rockin' Rhythms I	interactive theory lessons	4yrs – 7yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms II		8+yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms III		Grade 3+
11am – 12pm	Junior Orchestra	instrumental ensemble	all levels; all ages
	Rock School	guitars, drums, vocals	9+yrs

Swavesey Music School
Swavesey Village College
Gibraltar Lane
Swavesey
CB24 4RS

Audrey Caldwell, Director of Music
acaldwell@swaveseyvc.co.uk
http://swaveseyms.co.uk/

APRIL BURGESS MARTIN SCHOOL OF BALLET

Ballet classes at Over Primary School
Thursday afternoons for age 3+ - 16+

Please contact April Martin for information on places for the new term.

Qualified experienced teacher Associate of ARBTA
Member BDQT (DBS Checked)

☎ 01954 200533
tutusrus@ntlworld.com

CRB Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure & Barring Service

Saturday 20th May
Open Day and Summer Fayre
at
Swavesey Primary School
Keep the date free!
Times to be announced in due course

Swavesey Pre-School

Sat 10th June
Open Morning
Swavesey Pre School
(on the primary school site)
10.30 am to 12 noon

Is your child starting Pre School in 2017/18?
Come and visit us.
Welcome to all new and prospective parents and children

Swavesey Playtimers

Tuesday 10-11.30am
In the back room of the Bethel Church, different craft activities, stories and themes each week. £2

Wednesday 10–12noon
At the Memorial Hall, singing with Sharon from 11.15am, all ages. £4

All children under 5 welcome to these term-time toddler groups. Find out what is going on from our Facebook group – "Swavesey playgroups".
A great chance to meet local parents.

APRIL BURGESS MARTIN SCHOOL OF BALLET PRESENTS:

HOROSCOPE. CHECKMATE & MASQUERADE

Saturday 6th May

Swavesey Village College

3.15 pm & 7.30pm

TICKETS £9. tutusrus@ntlworld.com

Rainbows
1st Swavesey Rainbows

Rainbows are 30 in 2017

Rainbow units first started appearing in 1987, making Rainbows 30 this year! At 1st Swavesey Rainbows we will be taking part in lots of activities throughout 2017 to celebrate Rainbows' 30th Birthday, both within our unit meetings and with Rainbows from Over District and Great Ouse Division.

We would love to hear from you if you were one of those early Rainbows from around 1987 to 1992 and have memories and photos to share. Rainbows have only been in Swavesey for 18 months, but in Over for much longer, or maybe you were a Rainbow somewhere else?

Rainbows started with a tabard as their uniform. Tabards came in all colours of the rainbow with each unit choosing the colour they would all wear and their mascot was Rainbow Rabbit; all quite different from our lovely red uniform and Olivia, our Rainbow Doll!

Please email caroline@overroad.co.uk if you would like to share your memories and maybe pop in to one of our meetings and chat with our Rainbows.

If your daughter is interested in joining Girlguiding, please register her interest here: www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested

Adults can also get involved; use the same link if you are interested in helping to run Rainbows, Brownies or Guides in Swavesey.

Compass Café

"Encompasses the community"

Every Thursday morning from 10.30 until 12.00 at Bethel Baptist Church.

Run each week (inc. school holidays) by one of four groups in the village. Very reasonably priced home made cakes and fair trade tea and coffee. Toys for children each week and baby clinic on 4th Thursdays. All ages very welcome.

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Would your group like to earn some extra money?

When there is a 5th Thursday in a month we are looking for other groups to run Compass Café. It is quite easy and instructions will be given. You will need 5/6 people, 6 homemade cakes, 4 pints of milk and some tea towels! Everything else is supplied.

Please contact Sue Ellington for more information: sue.ellington@virgin.net or 01954 202923

5th Thursdays in 2017: 30th March, 29th June, 31st August & 30th November

SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Roman-Catholic Parish
19 Needingworth Road, St Ives, Cambs. PE27 5JT
served by the Congregation of the Missionaries of
Our Lady of La Salette (English, Polish, Italian)

Parish Priest: Father Karol Porczak MS

Tel: 01480 462 192
www.sacredheart-stives.org.uk
email: office@sacredheart-stives.org.uk

Mass Times:
Saturday 17.00 (Anticipatory)
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00
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RAISING THE ROOF

For centuries most churches have had lead roofs. It is a useful material for the job. It lasts a long time, doesn't rust and, being available in large sheets, allows water runoff even where the roof has a low pitch. It can be moulded over uneven areas or round corners and if it does get damaged a patch can easily be soldered on. Sadly, a major problem has reared its head in recent years: lead theft.

Lead is valuable and, though thieves get a tiny fraction of what it costs to replace, we regularly hear of churches losing lead from their roofs. St Andrew's church has suffered three thefts in recent times and we have lost all the lead from the north aisle and chancel. Fortunately the thefts were discovered before rain damaged church contents, especially as the organ was under one of the stripped areas. Because lead theft has become such a widespread problem, insurers will now only pay a small amount towards replacement. As a listed building we're restricted in what we can use for the repair, but after some haggling we're being allowed to use Terne coated steel, which looks like lead. It's cheaper and isn't such a thief magnet. Even so the total estimated cost of replacement is over £65,000. That is in addition to nearly £6,000 for alarms to protect the remaining lead. We have to find that in addition to our usual overheads and running costs.

We're investigating any grants that may be available and also want to hold more fundraising events. The church is the largest venue in the village and has a very good acoustic, so it's an excellent place for music. We were very pleased when Prime Brass agreed to give a concert in the church for a much reduced fee. They're top-class musicians and have been described by Classic FM as 'exceptional'. The sound they produce is thrilling and way beyond most people's idea of brass bands. They play all types of music from show tunes to the classics, so the concert will have something for everyone. Come along and give your spirits a lift!

As an additional attraction, ticket holders for the concert will be able to take a pre-concert picnic into the gardens of the Manor House opposite, so you can make it a mini-Glyndebourne.

Farewell to "Bells Means Bins"

We are very sorry that with the change of day of bin collections we can no longer provide our service of "Bells Means Bins" to the residents of Swavesey. We know that for many of you, hearing us on a practice night reminded you to put the bins out! We have discussed changing the night we practice to enable us to continue our service to you, but I'm afraid this has not been possible!

We are a small, but friendly band of ringers always on the lookout for 'new recruits', or better still, those of you who have already learnt to ring a bell in the past. We invite you to join us in St Andrew's church from 7:30pm on a Tuesday evening if you are interested in learning to ring, or just want to find out more about it.

In aid of the Church Roof Fund'

Prime Brass

In concert

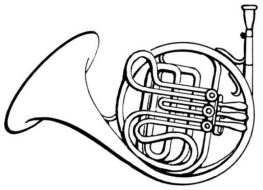
St Andrew's Church

7:30pm, June 10th

Tickets: *Adults £10, Schoolchildren £8*

from Roger Holland: 01954 230077

The gardens of the Manor House will be open from 6pm for ticket-holders to picnic, courtesy of Mrs J Bayfield



BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

113 Middle Watch, Swavesey, Cambridgeshire CB24 4RP
www.bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

LIVELY SUNDAY SERVICE
All WELCOME

Something for ALL the family!
10:45 am each week
with activities for children of all ages
First Sunday in the Month:
Church around the coffee table, Why not come and try it?

MONDAY NIGHT CLUBS
Explorers, Adventurers and Survivors
Christian Fun and Games Activities for Children in Keystage 1, 2 and 3

Come and Join us at **6:00pm on Mondays** ***(Survivors meet at 7:00pm)***

the Hub @ Bethel

Open Access Youth Café for Students

Year 6 and 7

Fridays 7pm to 9pm
(Parents are required to sign and return consent form)

For more information on all of our events and activities please contact David at:
minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk or 01954230458

St Andrew's Parish Church & Bethel Baptist Church

EASTER
Services & Celebrations in Swavesey

EASTER MEDITATIONS
Tuesday 11th April at 7:00pm
St Andrew's Parish Church
An opportunity to spend a short time reflecting on Jesus' journey to the cross from Palm Sunday to Good Friday

MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER
Thursday 13th April at 7:00pm
Bethel Baptist Church
Join us as we celebrate The Last Supper with a simple meal and a time reflecting on the connection between Passover and The Last Supper.

For free tickets please contact
Revd David Mann: minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk or 01954 230458
Revd Julie Anderson: julie_anderson51@yahoo.co.uk or 01954 231496

This meal and celebration is free. We ask you to book a ticket in order that we will know how many people to cater for.

GOOD FRIDAY HAPPENING
Friday 14th April at 10:30am
Bethel Baptist Church
A morning of Easter crafts, games and activities for all Primary aged children.
Children will be required to register at the start of the event.

He has Risen

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

A warm welcome awaits you at all the services and events of your parish church.

Service Pattern

1st Sunday of the month	11:00AM	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday of the month	8:00 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month	11:00 AM 7:00 PM	Holy Communion Sunday Sanctuary – Bethel Baptist Church
4th Sunday of the month	11:00 AM	All Age Service
5th Sunday of the month	11:00 AM	Holy Communion at one of the 5 Folds Churches

To arrange weddings, baptisms, funerals, services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child please contact the Priest in Charge, Team Vicar or the Team Administrator:

Revd. Julie Anderson. Priest in Charge
Telephone: 01954 231496 or
Email: julie_anderson51@yahoo.co.uk.

Team Vicar. Lynda Davies.
Telephone: 01954 202912 or
Email: revlyndadavies559@gmail.com

Gillian Beal. Team Administrator.
Telephone: 01954 203459
(Monday to Thursday 10:00 to 12:00) or
Email: admin@5folds.org.uk

To arrange use of the church for concerts or other events please contact either of the churchwardens:

Mr Iain Campbell.
Telephone: 01954 230019 or
Email: IainJ.Campbell@sky.com

Mr Martin Herrington
Telephone: 01954 230894 or
Email: ms_herrington@yahoo.co.uk

For Sunday School and the Baby and Toddler Services please contact:
Mrs Caroline Stevens
Telephone: 01954 231433 or
Email: caroline@overroad.co.uk

St Andrew's Church Swavesey

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

Children and young people are very welcome at St Andrew's.

Sunday School

Children from the age of five are welcome to join our Sunday school each week during the 11 am service except, the 4th Sunday of the month when it is a Family Service and the children are in church.

For younger children, or those who prefer to stay with their parents we have "fidget bags" (bags of books and toys) for use during the services.

Baby and Toddler Services

An informal service aimed at preschool age children and their parents and carers held on the second Monday of each month at 10.30 am. Please come and join us for a story, songs, prayer, craft, drink and a biscuit and a chance to chat with others.

When the second Monday occurs in the school holidays, please bring your school age children too.

Bell Ringing

Anyone from the age of about ten years is welcome to come along and find out more. Tuesdays between 7.30 and 9 pm.

Church Choir

Our Church choir welcomes new members. We're a friendly group that performs items for special services, accompanies the main church services and leads congregational singing. We cover a mix of traditional choral work and more modern styles. Pieces range from four-part to unison. We're particularly keen to recruit tenors and basses but all voices are welcome.

Contact John Mullett. Telephone: 077026 79191 or
Email: johnajmullett@gmail.com

Compass Café

We host Compass Café on the third Thursday of each month at Bethel Baptist Church, 10.30 until 12 noon. Come along for a drink and a chat

Lilies For Easter

Do you have a loved one that you want to remember at Easter? St Andrew's Church will be displaying lilies in remembrance of departed loved ones as part of the Easter Festival display. If you would like to donate a lily and have your loved one commemorated on the scroll, please contact Diane Herrington on 230984.

St. Andrews Easter Flower Festival

Come to St Andrew's Church Easter Sunday and Easter Monday to see the Joy of Easter celebrated in our Easter Flower Festival with Remembrance Lilies in the Lady Chapel,

Easter themed displays from many village organisations and our flock of flying birds.

With craft activities for children and of course cakes and teas.

PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Dear All

Politics seems to be everywhere at the moment - is it the Trump phenomena or Brexit? No, for me, it is Devolution and the state of Health and Social Care in Cambridgeshire. I am very involved in the changes which are being proposed for the Health Service in Cambridgeshire as I am a member of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the County Council Health Committee which scrutinises health provisions. You may ask "What has that to do with District Council?" to which I would reply "The quality of life for South Cambridgeshire residents is based on their homes, the health of their environment and the availability of jobs" The District Council is responsible for creating new communities including places of work and sustaining older ones, the prevention of contamination of food, and collection of waste to name the main areas. Without the district the health of the community would be at serious risk. Therefore we need to be involved with the prevention of illness and the Wellbeing of our residents. You may all remember that the local Health Service is facing a significant shortfall in finances, as are many other parts of the country. This shortage is compounded by the shortage of social care funding, so the Government has required the development of a Sustainability and Transformation Programme which should address ways of changing the ways health and social care is delivered. This document is out for consultation at the moment and is worth looking at. It proposes much more community based care and the avoidance of hospital admissions as well as streaming expertise and specialist centres for common problems such as stroke and heart disease, Please take the time to get involved and comment as this will frame the direction of health provisions for older people, adults and children for many years to come.

I have spoken about devolution in the past and now we are in the full run up to the election of Mayor. This devolution package has been deliberately shaped to reduce the level of power the mayor has without consulting all the councils via their representative. We will see how this works in practice but I think we have a great opportunity to take some control of key issues from Government and need to engage with the process.

I know you will not be surprised that Council Tax is being raised. South Cambs, because it is a very low tax area, will raise their element by £5 this year and is set to make ends meet; which, given the history of Government Grant over the last 15 years is amazing. In 2004 SCDC received £7 million pounds annually, from Government, to provide services, it has gradually been reducing and by 2018\19 it will be Zero. But SCDC continues to save money by merging with the City council to deliver kerbside collection of waste and recycling materials. This will save £750,000 this year and annually, but it does mean you have had to change your collection day to Thursday - sorry about that - hopefully by the time the Meridian goes out you will have got used to it!

Finally , the Council is also engaged in earning significant funds from being an ethical landlord. Ermine Street Housing has hit their target of earning £600,000 a year earlier than expected. This company is owned by SCDC and helps to find good accommodations at market rents for residents of South Cambridgeshire.

Have a good summer . Get in touch if you want me to follow up any issues . If the email says it hasn't been delivered - don't worry - it has !

Sue Ellington District Councillor, Swavesey Ward.
01954 202923 or 07774146331. cllr.Ellington@scambs.gov.uk

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News January – February 2017

COUNTY COUNCIL
THE County Highways Department is expected to start work on the marking of parking bays in Market Street in late April.

The PC is continuing to follow up repairs to the highways. The PC is pressing the County Council to fill the deep pot holes in the guided busway drop off and car park.

The PC has submitted a bid for further traffic calming to restrict speeding in Ramper Road under the County's Local Highway Improvement Initiative. A result is expected as the Meridian goes to press.

Parking and traffic continue to cause problems around the Primary School as children go to and from school. A particularly dangerous incident has been reported to the PC. The resulting consultations with the school and the Highways Department are reported elsewhere in the Meridian. At the February PC meeting Councillors decided to press for a light-controlled crossing as the safest answer at further meetings with the relevant bodies, including contributions from any successful developments through the planning process. The PC is firmly of the opinion that a new location for the Primary School away from the centre of the Village is the only long term solution.

DISTRICT COUNCIL
The PC is to consider using a new service from SCDC for tree health and safety services.

Cllr Mrs Ellington and Cllr Ms Smith encouraged councillors and residents to respond to the consultation to move the out of hours doctors services from Chesterton Hospital to the Addenbrookes site. The move being to redirect non urgent A&E patients to the out-of- hours clinics.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE BUSINESS
There have been two ram-raid break-ins to the newsagents in Market Street. The PC has confirmed that it is possible to install a strong bollard outside the shop to deter further ram-raids

Our Village Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator is no longer able to continue, as a result the group are seeking a new coordinator for the village.

VILLAGE MATTERS
A project to improve the public open area between Priory Avenue and Carters Way with planting, new ground surfaces, seating and play features has been agreed. The PC is to progress the project with rectifying the drainage under this area the first priority.

Plans are in hand to install a sports play wall on the Village Green.

The PC has agreed to sell a small area of land between the Turnbridge Footpath and No56 High Street, to incorporate within the redevelopment of No56 High St. It will include a covenant to restrict its use to open space for parking and turning within the area.

The PC is taking forward plans for selective felling and height reduction to the poplar trees around the Moat Way pond.

COUNCIL NEWS

DRAINAGE
Work to raise and strengthen the river bank between Covel's Drain and Webb's Hole is expected to start in early spring dependant on weather conditions.

PLANNING
Planning application for 70 houses on the Scambler site, off Middlewatch was refused planning permission by the District Council. The applicants have submitted an appeal and resubmitted the planning application. The PC has restated its objections to the development.

The application by Bloor Homes for 99 homes behind Gibraltar Lane has been refused by the District Council.

A planning application for up to 90 homes off Boxworth End and Ramper Road has been submitted by Gladman Developments. The PC has raised objections to the development based on the ability of the village to cope with increased traffic, school numbers and other sustainability issues.

A planning application to increase the extent of lorry parking at the Extra Service Area on the A14 was considered by the PC and traffic movement improvements requested.

A planning application has been submitted for 37 Market Street for the renovation of the listed cottage and the building of two further houses. The PC welcomed progress in developing the site but object strongly to the need for two additional houses as the Planners and Developer claim they are necessary to pay for the work to retain the listed cottage, which the PC feels is a result of the neglect of the cottage over many years by both the developer and the planners. The PC is worried about the impact on Market Street, parking for the residents, the restricted garden areas and the effect of drainage in and around the site.

The PC has commented on a number of applications for extensions and developments of one or more houses. These can be viewed on the SCDC planning portal on their website, and the comments of the PC in Minutes on the village website.

A planning full application has been submitted by Laragh Homes Ltd. for 56 homes off Fen Drayton Road behind Home Close and adjacent to Moat Way. The Parish Council will be considering the plans and making its comments as part of the planning process.

QUALITY AWARD – Local Council Award Scheme
The PC is progressing towards updating our Quality Council status to meet more demanding standards and enable us to continue access the benefits it brings to us.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING
The Neighbourhood Planning Group is now at work in developing our plan. Watch this space in future Meridians for progress reports.

QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL

Council Agendas, Minutes and current issues can all be found on the Parish Council webpage at www.swavesey.org.uk

Swavesey Parish Council

Website:- www.swavesey.org.uk

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New Parish Council Website

www.swavesey.org.uk

Same website address but now with an improved and updated look

Take a look to find out….

- the latest news and information about the village
- agendas, minutes and Parish Council news
- links to village clubs and organisations
- links to District and County Council consultations

Traffic in Swavesey

The Parish Council wishes to bring residents up to date with the latest news on traffic related matters in Swavesey.

Importantly the PC would like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of those residents who are able to leave their cars at home when journeying to the schools, shops and surgery as this makes a major contribution to road safety. We realise that as we live in a two mile long village this is not possible for everybody.

The most urgent matter to address is the safety of drivers and pedestrians when the primary and preschool children are going to and from school. The Chairman of the PC Will Wright, our Clerk Linda Miller and Mandy Smith our County Councillor met with a Highways and Road Safety Manager from Cambs County Council.

The CCC Officer confirmed that Swavesey Primary School is one of the top priority village primary schools for safety concerns in the County as it is located on one of the busiest and narrow village through roads. Some options were discussed:

The Crossing Patrol post is vacant at the time of this report and being advertised through the school and Linda Miller is to assist by putting advertisements more widely in the village. The appointment has a high priority for the County Council, and if no one is in post by the Easter school break the way forward will be reassessed.

- A Zebra Crossing near the school entrance. In order to locate the crossing away from driveways, the school entrance, with adequate footpath access, and positioning the poles there are very limited areas it can be positioned. It is also clear that the County will not fund a crossing patrol if a zebra crossing is provided. It was explained that this is because there is the potential to lead to safety issues caused by drivers being confused by two forms of traffic control at the same location. As a result it is one or the other!
- A Zebra Crossing near the recreation green. There is a very limited location for the crossing, and the bus stop/parking area would have to be shortened as parking would be limited on the approach side of the crossing. At present this appears to cause more problems than solutions.
- Both crossings would cost between £15,000 and £30,000, depending on the work associated with them.

The PC has been pressing for a number of years to improve safety through the village and has asked for a general 20mph limit through the most congested part of the village. To date we have managed to extend the no parking time to the existing yellow lines outside the Primary School to cover all the times children are moving to and from school, improved flashing signs and an advisory 20mph limit on the road past the school, plus protective white lines to stop parking on domestic driveways near the School entrance.

The PC has been in discussion with the Village College to improve sign posting to the car parks accessed from the Fen Drayton road to try to ease parking problems in Gibraltar Lane.

You will be aware that the PC has stressed in their objections to recent planning applications the impact of increased traffic flows through our narrow main street and the need to restrain development to sustainable levels for our village infrastructure.

Finally the PC expects the work to improve parking and safety in Market Street by limited extensions of double yellow lines and marking of parking bays to be underway when the Meridian is distributed, as following the conclusion of the public consultation period the County Council will be carrying out the work very soon.

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Swavesey Neighbourhood Plan, Steering Group Meeting

a The first meeting was held on the 19.1.17 to form the Swavesey Neighbourhood Plan Steering group, with an enthusiastic 21 residents participating in constructive and positive meeting. The Parish council were able to share a considerable amount of information in order to help establish an outline of the journey ahead for all of us in the community.

The key messages from the outset are;

1. The Neighbourhood Plan must be driven by the residents, not the Parish Council.
2. The Parish Council have allocated some funds, with further support available through grants.
3. There is access to many other village plans and the people who have created them, so we as a community are not "re-inventing the wheel".
4. The process is a marathon, not a sprint.
5. This is a rare opportunity for us to band together to help shape the village for generations to come.
6. This planning process is significantly more than just helping to manage how many new homes are built and where.
7. Comprehensive and meaningful engagement with all stakeholder groups is at the heart of a successful neighbourhood plan.
8. As custodians of our village, we have an opportunity and a responsibility.

The Parish Council is very committed to the neighbourhood planning process and the benefits that will be achieved through its completion, but it is important residents understand legally they cannot facilitate the submission.

Engaging all demographics, both individually and collectively via community groups, is critical to the success of the planning process. With that in mind, the steering group would like to encourage all residents to help share information, whether it is regarding decisions made or opinions sought. Please help us to spread the word, via leaflet dropping, online surveys, doorstop chats or through liking / sharing / tweeting on social media.

The schools, local businesses and community groups, are very important stakeholders and your collective thoughts are keenly sought. The steering group will be looking to engage with you early in the process as you also present a route to larger groups of people which will be important in the surveying process.

The neighbourhood plan will help contribute to decision making by the Parish Council and South Cambridge District Council in the planning and managing of future housing, education, health services, flood management, green spaces, recreation facilities, traffic and general services.
On the 6.2.17 a second meeting was held, where 24 residents were registered as forming the working group, and key terms of reference were agreed, which provide a framework for decision making moving forward. Given the likely timeframe for the process is 18-24 months, it is important interested residents who may have commitments at present preventing them being involved in the immediate term, are aware they can join the committee in the future, or simply volunteer to help for specific stages in the process.

It was agreed that Steering Group meetings would be on the first Monday of each month, at 7pm, excluding Bank Holidays, please see the Swavesey Parish Council website for meeting locations or alternatively contact the Clerk. All members of the community are welcome to attend as observers. To actively take part in the discussions you will need to join the Steering Group, please send your contact details to Linda Miller.

Election of Officers

Chairman – Chas Barclay volunteered, seconded and elected unanimously

Vice-Chair – Vicki Bidwell volunteered, seconded and elected unanimously

Parish Council Liaison – Doug Hunt volunteered, seconded and elected unanimously

PR/Communications – Jessica Adams volunteered to help after May of this year, in particular to help with Facebook and online communication

Stuart Websdale volunteered to co-ordinate general PR/Communications

Both were seconded and elected unanimously

Clerk – Linda Miller offered to continue as Clerk, to be reviewed in a few months depending on workload Seconded and elected unanimously

Finance – Lynsey Newbury volunteered, seconded and elected unanimously

For further information please go to:
Website: Parish Council website: http://www.swavesey.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/
Facebook: Swavesey Parish Council or Swavesey Village Planning
Parish Council: clerk@swavesey.org.uk Tel: 01954 202982

Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 12th April 2017 – 7.30pm
Swavesey Memorial Hall

Your opportunity to hear reports from and ask questions of the Parish Council, its committees, village charities and other village organisations, both for the past year and the forthcoming year.

County and District Councillors and representatives from our Neighbourhood Police and NHW Scheme will also be present to take any questions.

Further information will be published on posters around the village nearer the date

Please do come along to the meeting to learn more about your village.
We look forward to seeing you on 12th April.
Swavesey Parish Council

Memorial Hall Newsletter

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Keeping you posted!

Welcome to the first update in 2017☺

In the last few months, the Hall has been busy with different functions from Craft Fairs, Orchestra Rehearsals and various parties. The Trustees meet every 6 weeks to discuss managing the Hall and make decisions on maintenance and the wish list!

In 2016 we were able to update the Wi-Fi signal throughout the Hall and install a screen in the Main Hall for presentations. This was all enabled through 106 monies granted by Swavesey Parish Council.

In the past couple of weeks, work has been ongoing in the Ladies toilets to ensure that rising damp is kept at bay. The projects we hope to achieve in 2017, are to purchase a new floor cleaner, replace the existing chair trolleys with ones that are easier to move around and redecoration.

For over 10 years, Friday nights have always been WI Line Dancing night, but due to a retirement, we now have availability for the Hall to be booked for events/parties.

The Meeting Room is another great room to hire at the Hall, from craft groups, quilting clubs, Lego club and of course meetings, it's used by a wide variety of people. It also has an added benefit of a Digital Projector and music socket.

Some of the groups using the Hall on a frequent basis are Brownies, Pilates, Tang Soo Do, Playtimers, St.Ives Dog Training Club, W I Craft, Quantum Quilters, Meridian Quilters and Everyone Health. We are more than happy to put you in touch if you fancy trying something new☺

For further information about the Hall contact Mrs Nicole Mullee:
Tel 07963 861791 or email memorialhall@swavesey.org.uk

Car Park

Managing the Hall's Car Park is an ongoing issue. The Car Park is only to be used by those who have hired the hall. Residents of Swavesey continue to park their vehicles there, despite receiving letters explaining that they can't! Please remember it's a Private Car Park of a very busy Village Hall.

Store Room

One of the main topics of Hall meetings is the store cupboard! If you use the chairs and tables then please put them back when you have finished with them. All user groups that store your club's items in the cupboard please remember lots of people access it, a reminder to keep to your designated areas. Thank you.

Feedback

Please feel free to contact us with any feedback or suggestions you have for improving the Hall in our Community.

HOURLY RATES W.E.F 1ST APRIL 2017

	BEFORE 6PM	AFTER 6PM	MEETING ROOM
CLUB	£ 8.30	£ 9.30	£ 7.30
RESID	£ 16.80	£ 17.80	£ 12.80
BUS	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme

(Extracts from their February Newsletter)

Traffic management starts soon

Construction is now underway and we will be implementing traffic management shortly.

To minimise the impact on drivers, we aim to maintain the current number of traffic lanes during the day by narrowing the existing lanes to gain the space needed.

When work does require lane or full closures, these will take place at night. Diversions have been agreed with Cambridgeshire County Council and will be clearly signposted.

Over the next few months, we will be using the following traffic management:

- narrow lanes on the eastbound A428 between Madingley and Girton; this is the start of traffic management to construct this section of the scheme
- narrow lanes in both directions of the A14 between Dry Drayton and Swavesey; this is the start of traffic management to construct this section of the scheme
- traffic lights on side roads during off-peak hours (9.30am to 3.30pm)
- night-time closures on the A1 between Brampton Interchange and Alconbury, and on the A14 between junction 24 (Godmanchester) and junction 30 (Dry Drayton); this is for site clearance

For up to date traffic information visit the roadworks planner on our scheme page.

Environment: A14C2H vegetation to be used for biomass energy

A large proportion of the A14C2H scheme's plant waste, created from vegetation clearance, is being sent to a facility which will convert it into biomass energy.

Biomass is the term used for anything that grows (biological matter) and biomass energy is created from those waste materials, such as wood, grass clippings, plants, paper and food scraps.

In biomass power plants, this waste is burned to produce steam that runs a turbine to make electricity, or provide heat to homes and offices.

Biomass energy is a low carbon fuel that is already available throughout the UK. As biomass energy uses plants it is a renewable form of energy.

Correctly managed, biomass is a sustainable fuel that can deliver a significant reduction in net carbon emissions compared to fossil fuels.

Keep in touch

Visit our website: www.highways.gov.uk/A14C2H
Send us an email: A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk
Give us a call: 0300 123 5000
Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/A14C2H/
Twitter - @A14C2H

A Glance at the Past

From the Cambridge Chronicle.

1841, 1 May. Tender for Building Schoolrooms. Specifications from Mr. Walters Architect, 4 Trumpington St C/B. To be addressed to Rev. John Graham. The lowest tender will not necessarily be accepted and ample security of ability to carry the work will be required.

1850, 18 May. New Burial Ground. Preparations are being made in this Parish for the consecration by the Lord Bishop of Ely, of the additional burial ground – lately added to the churchyard. The consecration is expected to take place early in June

1855, 14 April. Cricket. On Tuesday last the cricketers started the season by several practice matches amongst themselves. In the evening they partook of an excellent supper at The Sun, and enjoyed themselves right merrily.

1855, 28 April. National School Exams. Examined by H. M. Inspector, Rev. Wm. Campbell B. A. in presence of Rev. J. Graham, Rev. W. Theed, J. Dobede Esq, H. Long Esq. The Inspector said he was pleased with the ready answers. The reading was good, and the School had passed a good examination. There was one Pupil Teacher in her third year, & two male candidates to replace the two who had left in the past year. Thomas Beaumont has gained a Queen's Scholarship and is now at Battersea Institute, training for schoolmaster.

1855, 26 May. The Feast. On Monday & Tuesday last, it being feast time, some excellent ringing took place on the Swavesey Bells which very much enlivened the lads & lasses. It was better attended this year, attractions were more numerous. Amongst them were an exhibition of the siege of Sebastopol, the battle of Inkerman, the bombardment of Odessa with the fleet in motion, also a collection of waxwork figures.

1856, 12 April. Cricket. Members of the Britannia Club of this place, started the season with a friendly game on the 9th. Afterwards they had dinner at the Cricketers Inn, entertained by host Mansfield.

1857, 18 April. National School reopened. In the presence of Hon. Mrs. Dudley Ryder. After divine service in the morning the children were regaled with beef & plum pudding, and addressed by the Vicar in the Schoolroom.

1857, 9 May. School Treat, Baptisms, Sermons. On the 22nd ult, a treat was given to children of the Independent Schools by the master J. Metcalf. Old Baptist Chapel baptized 12 new members in the River Ouse at Holywell. Later a large party took tea in Mr. Richmond's barn. Rev. Elven gave two sermons in the New Baptist Chapel on Tuesday 5th inst.

1857, 30 May. The Feast. The Village Feast was visited this year by more than the usual number of friends and relatives of the inhabitants. There was some fine change ringing assisted by the Fulbourn Youths.

1862, 3 May. Baptist Minister. On Friday 25 April, the Rev. James Norris presented with a writing desk by the congregation on the occasion of his resigning the pastoral charge of Swavesey. On Sunday he preached to a congregation of 500 people.

1865, 22 April. St. Andrews Church. During Holy Week there will be two sermons daily given by the Rev. Sharp, Vicar.

1866, 21 April. Formation of Cricket Club. Meeting at Mr. G. Long's office. Annual subscription 5/-. Mr. Long's field next the railway line for practise.

1867, 25 May. Reopening of St. Andrews Church. The church will reopen on Wed. 29 May when there will be services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 a.m. A public tea will be provided at 4 o'clock.

1868, 18 April. Foundation Stone of New Chapel. Although the weather was cold and stormy the ceremony was performed last Thursday 9th inst., Rev. J.C. Wooster of Steventon, formerly of Swavesey conducted the prayers. G. Livet of Cambridge laid the stone. The meeting continued in the temporary chapel. A public tea was held and evening service in the Old Meeting House.

1884, 11 April. Fife and Drum Band. Fife and drum band lately formed is making good progress. There are about 40 members. On its last appearance some of the village lads set fire to a couple of effigies purporting to be the late Liberal candidate for the County, whilst the band was playing The Two Obadiahs.

1885, 22 May. Village Feast. Village Feast enlivened by sports organized by the Drum & Fife Band, last Tuesday evening. All the usual events such as 100 yards, pole jump, sack race, egg & spoon race, hurdles & tug of war. Pony race won by J. Wilderspin's grey, second was Russian Bear.

1887, 27 May. Fire. Fire broke out at 1 a.m. on Monday on premises adjoining the White Horse Hotel, resulting in great damage. The fire burned until 8 a.m. and several houses and outbuildings were destroyed. A valuable horse belonging to Mr. Thorpe burned to death. The scene of the fire was witnessed by many people who had gone to the village by reason of the Feast being held. Property insured with Westminster Fire Co.

1887, 27 May. Queen's Jubilee. Queen's Jubilee commenced with a procession of boys carrying flags from end to end of the village, with stops at intervals to sing God Save the Queen. At 2.30 p.m. about 300 children and the Jubilee Committee attended Church Service. Afterwards there was an abundant tea at the National School for the children, then the widows, widowers and poor of the Parish were entertained to tea. So much food was left over that about 100 outsiders were invited to finish it off. From 6 to 8.30 p.m. there were sports in the playground and prizes for these events. At 11 p.m. a huge bonfire was lit, to complete the celebrations.

1892, 8 April. Swavesey Cricket Club. Swavesey Cricket Club meeting held in National School last Monday, Mr. C. Cole in Chair. Accounts showed a balance of £2-1-1d. Nearly all the old officers re-elected. Several new members joined. Agreed to start the season on Easter Monday, game between married and single men of the village.

1894, 11 May. New Church Clock. The new clock made by Messrs. Dent, 61 Strand, London, was presented by Mr. G. Long J. P. as a memorial to his parents, Hanslip & Martha, for many years resident in this parish. Although Mr. G. long left the parish for some time he returned, and has lived here ever since. The Ven. Archdeacon of Ely performed the opening ceremony which took place at evening service.

1898, 27 May. Sunday Closing. The result of the canvas of opinions on this question. For closing 137, against closing 17, Neutral 17, Blank papers 23.

1898, 27 May. Feast. This has been Feast Week and upwards of 60 vans etc. were located in the Market St., Thurston's Gallopers being especially well patronized. Some of the old inhabitants say it has been the fullest feast ever known in Swavesey.

1898, 27 May. Cricket. Three matches have been played. Versus Lolworth, a home win, versus Elsworth, victory for the visitors by one run, and a game against Mr. W. Cole's XI, resulting in a victory for Mr. Cole's team by nine runs.

Chris Richardson

Springtime during WW1

From the Cambridge Weekly News Independent Press & Chronicle.

In Belgium or France.

30th April 1915. Pte. A. Coulson, "B" Company, 1st Cambridgeshire Regiment, a Swavesey young man, writing home from the trenches says: - On Easter Sunday the Germans put up a big card, on which was written a happy greeting to the British, and "If you don't fire we won't". One of the officers put one up out of our trench to greet the Germans, and there was not much firing all day. I received your 'fags' all right. They came just at the right time, as I had not one left. I saw one of my letters in the 'Weekly News'; one of my mates showed me the paper. As I am writing now the shells are going over my head from both ways – from the enemy's side and from ours.

In Swavesey.

Parish Council. 27th April 1917. The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School last Friday evening. The minutes of the previous meeting having been signed, various matters arising thereout were dealt with. It was reported that only two tons of Government seed potatoes had been supplied, instead of four tons, as finally ordered, and that potatoes had come from Ireland instead of from Scotland. It appeared that the quantity supplied was in accordance with the provisional order given in the first instance, and not in accordance with the final and complete order sent in subsequently, and that the potatoes had been delivered to those persons whose names were included in the first list.

Seed potatoes. 11th May 1917. The supply of Government seed potatoes to Swavesey growers was disappointing, not only as regards quantity received, but also in point of size, being to an appreciable extent large eating potatoes. Some scaled nearly a pound each, and three specially weighed by one recipient, weighed 1½ lbs.

Chris Richardson

Daisy Loveland. A Swavesey Childhood, 1880 to 1896.

Part 2 of 5. At school – but also good times

This is the typed version of a beautifully hand-written story set down in 1963 by Mrs Daisy Peters of Barnstaple in Devon when she was 83 years old. It was written at the suggestion of her son Bernard. Mrs Peters was formerly Daisy Loveland of London House (now Costcutter Store), Swavesey. You need to read it 2 or 3 times to get the full picture because Daisy industriously covers a wide range of subjects in a short space.

We had a very happy childhood but schooldays were not all to my happiness. I was a nervous, sensitive girl and at the first private school we girls went to there were three daughters of the owner of the school of whom I stood in awe, and they would shut the gate and make us stop and play with them. We all disliked them. Also Ma who used a ruler to hit my knuckles if I made a mistake when learning to play the piano. I dreaded those days and many sick headaches were the result. No wonder I am not a LRAM (Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music). Later on these people left and a Mrs Garner who was well educated, and her two daughters fresh from Girton College, Cambridge, opened a new school at a very nice house. We numbered about 12 children – 3 from Goad's Dairy (cream cheese makers), 3 of Dr Ellis's children, the only doctor in the village, 2 of Squire Cole's daughters, Ella and Queenie. I just remember their names and then myself and a sister and my brother, Willie who was not too robust – others I forget. We were all taught the usual subjects – Music and French were extras. A special for we girls was that deportment rods were held at our backs and threaded through arms to keep us very straight (perhaps that is why at my age I am still fairly upright). Manner was also very carefully watched "Excuse me" when passing etc. How long ago it was – yet well remembered. One of the girls came in a little cart drawn by a nanny goat and during recess time, now called playtime, we girls used to try to get milk into our thimbles, not always a success, but it added fun to the day.

The village was, I believe, about two miles long and important enough to have a station. We were between Cambridge and St Ives, which was nearer and only 6d return so St Ives was our place for shopping for goods apart from what we sold. The bank, stationers, dentists etc. and a large cattle market – it was quite an outing for us. I remember that my chief purchase as I grew older was note books, 3 in a case for 6d. I was fond of gathering notes heard in the train and elsewhere and I am still able to gather many amusing episodes as I pass along through life.

The roads were all safe to play in, only a few farm carts, private traps and the doctor's buggy. This was a rather high sort of trap with a large umbrella on wet days. Sometimes Father rode a penny-farthing bicycle. We could skip and have whips and tops (halfpenny for a top, one penny for a whip) and trundle our hoops, iron ones for the boys and wooden ones for the girls.

Cricket was another pastime in the field nearby and one of the team always got bad tempered if bowled out and said "Shan't play now, I'll go home" and we were not sorry.

Next door to us was a small butcher, and we could see if we wished all the process of pig killing, scalding, cutting up etc. Their pork sausages were lovely. These we watched being made and helped to turn the machine. Never have pork sausages tasted so good as they did. The butcher also ran a small licensed house, but I never remember seeing anyone drinking there, maybe they did after we were indoors. The girls and boys from this butcher's were kept very strictly and when out playing for long their father, a strict Baptist, would shout for them and find them all a job of work – "Harriet! Come and get on with knitting. Annie Liz your mother wants you, Ernest! Go and clean the pigsty". We others felt so sorry for them as our parents were so different, they loved to see us happy together.

Community Groups & Charities

Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:-www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or check the website cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919).
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fund raise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is a national charity and centre of excellence in training dogs to alert deaf people to important sounds and danger signals in the home, work place and public buildings. Contact:- Jenny Parker (Branch Organiser and Speaker) 01223 833562 (evenings only), jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
Help the Heroes	We support those wounded in the service of our country. Contact:- 01480 478526
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by CRB checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver
Swavesey Village College Community Education	Evening courses in a variety of subjects and day workshops. Contact:- Adult Education, Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambs, CB24 4RS. Telephone: 01954 230373 E-mail: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk Website: www.swaveseyvc.co.uk

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadet Force	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Alan Stagg on 01480 830708
Over District Girlguiding Swavesey and Over	**Unit** / **Evening** / **Contact** Swavesey Rainbows / Thurs / caroline@overroad.co.uk Swavesey Brownies / Mon / brownowl1@virginmedia.com Swavesey Guides / Thurs / swaveseyguides@gmail.com Over Rainbows / Mon & Tue Over Brownies / Wed & Thurs Over Guides / Tue * For information about the Over units or to volunteer in girlguidng, please email:- overdistrictcomm@gmail.com
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17. For information and enquiries please contact:- Chairman - Simon Dawson on 01954 202233 Secretary - Dave Rudderham on 01954 203258 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on 07803050234 s2art53@yahoo.co.uk
1st Swavesey Cub Pack	The Cubs meet at the Scout Hut every Tuesday - 6:15pm – 7:30pm & Friday 5:30pm – 6:45pm. Leader Lynda Mayer 01954 204768 Email:- s.mayer@ntlworld.com
1st Swavesey Sea Scouts	The Scout Group meets every Friday during term time at the Scout Hut on the SVC site (between the youth centre and the squash courts) from 7.30pm. Scout Leader is Andrew Batey; contact: scouts@onthemeridian.org.uk
Swavesey Kids Club	Swavesey Kids Club provides craft/play activities and care for children before and after school, in a friendly and secure environment. Breakfast Club – meets from 7.30am in the Primary School Hall, with breakfast available until 8.15am. After School Club meets 3.15pm-6.00pm weekdays in term time at Swavesey Primary School. For information about either club please contact Carol Panther (manager) 07803812221
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £3.00 per session. For further details contact: Audrey Caldwell: acaldwell.chk@swaveseyvc.co.uk
Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.

British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07711 256512 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Selwyn Richardson on 01954 202974.
Bell Ringers	Practice night Tuesdays, 7.30-9.00pm at St Andrew's Church. New ringers of all ages welcome. Contact Tower Captain Andrew Stevens on (01954 231433) for details. Email: andrew@overroad.co.uk Website: www.honeyhill.org/bells.htm
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Robert W Bond (01954) 203645 or Secretary Angela Dye (01954) 230484
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113)
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk. We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring John Turner (01954) 202076.
Fenland Squash Club	If you are interested in playing squash at Swavesey Village College then contact Geoff Green on (01954 231000) Website: www.fenlandsquash.org.uk

Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lindsay Foster - lindsayfoster001@gmail.com 01954 202070 or 07543 460725
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095. Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
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Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Chapel 9-30 to 11-30am and Fridays at the Memorial Hall 7-15 to 9-15pm. All levels welcome, from absolute beginners to intermediates. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Autumn/Winter meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at Over Town Hall starting in September at 7.30pm Contacts: Frances Parish: 01480 498301 or Pat Miles 01954 780485 if you need further information. New members always welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.30pm. From 1 April – 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Fridays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from John Graham john.graham@sotennis.co.uk or website http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Chris Avery (01954) 781233. Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk.
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glynn & Sue Jones for more information
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Linda Saunders (01954) 201162

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